

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
U.S. Application No. 09/862,591

**REMARKS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants have properly designated the status of the claims. As requested in the Notice, the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the November 14, 2003 Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c), has been resubmitted.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

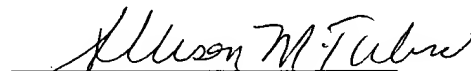
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